

**MINUTES  
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**Georgia National Fairgrounds  
Miller Murphy Howard Building  
401 Larry Walker Parkway  
Perry, Georgia 31069**

**October 16, 2008**

**9:00 a.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Bill Kuhlke, Chairman  
Larry Walker, Vice Chairman  
Roy Herrington  
Johnny Floyd  
Sam Wellborn  
Emory McClinton  
Brandon Beach  
Rudy Bowen  
Steve Farrow  
David Doss  
Raybon Anderson  
Dana Lemon

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Robert Brown

**DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioner Gena Evans  
Kevin Clark, COO  
Buddy Gratton, Deputy Commissioner  
Elizabeth Osmon  
Earl Mahfuz  
Gerald Ross  
Chris Tomlinson  
Jo Ann Chance  
Sandra Burgess  
Mike Thomas  
Ericka Davis

Chairman Bill Kuhlke opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Johnny Floyd gave the invocation.

Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2008 meetings. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2008 meetings, seconded by Brandon Beach and unanimously approved.\*

Gerald Ross, Chief Engineer, presented the projects proposed for the November 2008 Letting for approval totaling \$89 million. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve. Larry Walker made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the November 2008 Letting, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved.\*

Mike Thomas, Director of Planning, Data & Intermodal Development, presented the revisions proposed for the Construction Work Program for October 2008.\* Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve the revisions proposed for the Construction Work Program for October 2008, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.

Mike Thomas also presented the revisions proposed for the Construction Work Program for November 2008.\*

Sam Wellborn gave an update on September 30, 2008 Financial Statement. Sam Wellborn stated that the September 30, 2008 Financial Statement would not be presented today because FHWA requested that the Department keep the books open through October; therefore, it was not possible to prepare a September 30, 2008, Financial Statement. Sam Wellborn stated the September 30, 2008 Financial Statement will be presented at the next Board meeting. Sam Wellborn also stated that the Financial Statement will be presented to the Board on a quarterly basis and the Budget Comparison report will be presented to the Board on a monthly basis.

Commissioner Gena Evans requested that the Board approve the following resolution. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved.

### **Resolution**

*Whereas*, Anthony Allison is a valued employee of the Georgia Department of Transportation, serving as a Maintenance Equipment Operator in Grady County, working out of the Donalsonville Area Office of District Four; and

*Whereas*, Anthony Allison is a devoted employee of the Department of Transportation, performing his duties in an exemplary manner since his employment in 1993; and

*Whereas*, Anthony Allison serves in the Georgia Army National Guard and holds the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

*Whereas*, he was deployed for 12 months with the 1230<sup>th</sup> Transportation Unit of the National Guard in Kuwait in support of the War on Terror; and

*Whereas*, his duties included the marshaling and dispersal of military vehicles and equipment, and a number of other duties and responsibilities; and

*Whereas, he served a previous deployment, totaling 24 months, in Iraq, and was called upon for a two-week relief and rescue mission in Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005; and*

*Whereas, he was honorably discharged from the Georgia Army National Guard in 2008 after 30 years of service; and*

*Whereas, because of his valued service during deployments, Anthony Allison earned the Army Commendation Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Medal; and*

*Whereas, Anthony Allison served his nation with honor and commitment, answering the call of his Country.*

*Now, therefore be it resolved* that the State Transportation Board acknowledges Anthony Allison for his contributions to the Department and faithful service to his Nation in its time of need and each member of the Board offers heartfelt appreciation and best wishes upon his return to the Department.

*Be it further resolved* that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be provided to Anthony Allison in recognition of his devoted and commendable service.

*Adopted this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.*

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Ned Sanders, Chairman, Houston County Commission, expressed gratitude to the Board and DOT staff on behalf of Houston County. Ned Sanders presented a video on Houston County.\*

Chris Tomlinson, General Counsel, gave a Legal Update, which included civil actions, antilitem claims and construction claims. Sam Wellborn requested the status of the cases that are open in the Department. Chris Tomlinson stated as of today there are 1,623 cases open and 900 cases have be closed since the first report. Chris Tomlinson also stated that he would give the Board an update each month on the status of the cases.

Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. David Doss made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Raybon Anderson and unanimously approved.

Chairman Kuhlke stated there was no action taken in Executive Session and asked for a motion to end Executive Session and resume the Board meeting. Roy Herrington made a motion to end Executive Session and resume the Board meeting, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Gena Evans gave her monthly report, which included and an update on the Listening Tour; trip to Spain; and meeting with Outdoor Advertising industry to discuss changes and improving outdoor advertising process.

Commissioner Evans requested that the Board approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Roy Herrington made a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

### **Resolution**

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November, 18, 1971 adopt a policy on outdoor advertising; and

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, that State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December, 18, 1975, adopt a resolution that said that the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with the State and Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

<u>CITY/COUNTY</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE ZONING</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
City of Hogansville	Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning Plan, Parcel #0023-001-001A	Approve
City of Fairburn	Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approve

NOW, THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above recommendations.

Resolved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

Dana Lemon gave a report from the Program Delivery Committee. Dana Lemon stated that Commissioner Evans gave a presentation on FY 2009 program showing the proposed funding for each congressional district regarding project prioritization. Commissioner Evans also stated that the Department would have to honor prior commitments on projects, which will impact project prioritization.

Raybon Anderson gave a report from the Statewide Transportation Plan Committee. Raybon Anderson stated that Carrie Thompson of the McKinsey Group gave a presentation on the Statewide

Transportation Plan, which included freight scenarios and financial analysis on resources needed and how resources will be distributed fairly statewide. Raybon Anderson also stated that this information will be presented to Representative Vance Smith and Senator Mullis in the future.

Sam Wellborn gave a report from the Finance Committee. Sam Wellborn stated there were 10 items on the agenda and nine were updates on the accounting method for the Department; an update on right-of-way deauthorization to replace funds for LARP and State Aid; an update on miscellaneous income and bank accounts; an update on the final audit, which is due to be presented in the next few days. Sam Wellborn also stated that Chris Jones made a presentation on the FY 2010 Budget and the committee approved the FY 2010 Budget to take to the full Board for approval. There was some discussion regarding the FY 2010 Budget. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the FY 2010 Budget as presented, seconded by Raybon Anderson and unanimously approved.

Larry Walker gave a report from the Intermodal Committee. Larry Walker stated that Robert Reichart, Mayor of Macon gave a presentation on Macon Connections: Middle Georgia Transportation and Logistics Hub. Larry Walker stated that he met with representatives who developed Atlantic Station and have purchased the old Ford Plant and are interested in having a commuter rail terminal at the site with an office type park and retail center and the committee will continue to have dialog with the investors regarding this proposal. Larry Walker also stated that Jim Ritchey, Deputy Director of GRTA, gave a presentation on the Xpress bus service and their plan of action for FY 2008-2011 and FY 2009.

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Equal Access Committee. Johnny Floyd stated Buddy Gratton, Deputy Commissioner and Michael Cooper, Director of EEO, discussed public comments received regarding the 2009 DBE Goal. Johnny Floyd stated that the 2009 DBE Goal is 13% and this information has been sent to FHWA.

Under New Business, Dana Lemon presented an updated copy of proposed legislation for the 2009 Session for the Board members review. Dana Lemon requested that the Board members review the legislation and email her their comments and the recommendations will be finalized at the November Legislative committee meeting.

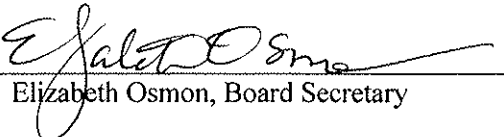
Raybon Anderson made a motion to have a \$100 million Letting, with 50% being maintenance, seconded by Roy Herrington, there was some discussion and Larry walker and Steve Farrow voted no and the motion passed with 10 yeas.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to adjourn. Raybon Anderson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.

Approved:

  
Bill Kuhlke, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:

  
Elizabeth Osmon, Board Secretary

\*Denotes documentation in file.